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Chargé should communicate orally following to Secretary General  
Gonzales

**Presidency/Supervisor Fernandez:**

US deeply gratified forthright stand GOC as set forth President

Valencia's letter to President Kennedy, especially clarity of purpose and deep democratic conviction which it conveys. US also appreciates GOC offer send ranking military officials to Washington to consult on specific military measures appropriate to case. As GOC will appreciate, current level activity Washington would preclude giving protocolary and other attentions we wish provide such officials.

Force constituted for quarantine primarily naval at this time. If information provided Admiral Porto pursuant Navy msg CNO to ALUSNA Bogota 251825Z inadequate for planning needs, we recommend that in view of time element involved Colombian Navy might wish to send appropriate representative soonest discuss plans and details with Admiral Tyree, COMSOLANT Trinidad, since current status threat to Caribbean requires consultation at operational level.

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classification approved by: **ARA - Mr. Martin**

Navy/OP-Adm Smith  
(in substance)

OSD/ISA-Capt Sanborn  
(in substance)

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US objective such visit would be stimulate Colombian decision soonest provide one or two destroyers for quarantine purposes. You may in your discretion inform Gonzalez Fernandez of US objective, if in your opinion this would accelerate GOC decision. US most anxious secure prompt Colombian naval cooperation for practical and political importance and because Venezuelan cooperation may be linked to that of Colombia.

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